

PROPOSAL F2003-9 (Deferred Proposal F2002-12 /F2001-33)

Existing regulation: Cook Inlet Area - Shellfish

No regulations presently.

Proposed regulation: Cook Inlet Area

Open Tuxedni Bay to subsistence fishing of crab and razor clams. Open to residents of only _____???

Reason for changing the regulation: Open the waters of Tuxedni Bay to subsistence fishing of all species for residents of the Bay inside a line due southeast of Crescent River mouth and intersecting another line drawn northeast of the south side of the Bay. (Tuxedni Bay is a remote area with no roads, phone lines, or super markets to buy food.)

Effect of change on fish or shellfish populations: No impact. The number of residents is too small to have an impact. To me, the very nature of the definition of subsistence is rural residents with no electric lines, no roads or access who have traditionally used and depend on the resource.

Effect of change on subsistence users: It will make us legal, and save the government money because they won't have to watch us with airplanes all the time. It will decriminalize residents.

Communities which have used this resource: There are no communities who use these resources, only a few residents.

Where the resource has been harvested: Clams are dug on the Crescent River bar.

When the resource has been harvested: Clams are harvested all year.

Additional Information: To my knowledge there is no sharing. We have freezers and a generator. We also smoke, salt, and can. I have lived here 56 years. I know when to harvest by experience.

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